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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Newtown Residents' Association held at Newtown Hall, Daniell Street, on Monday 17th September 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: Greg Nicholls, Peter Frater, Kate Zwartz, Tom Law, Peter Kennedy, Bernie Harris, Don McDonald, Laura Newcombe, Carol Comber, Steve Dunn, Cheryl Robilliard, Neville Carson, Don Mackay, Cr Paul Eagle, Martin Hanley, Kevin Lethbridge

Apologies: Cr Ian McKinnon, Peter Cooke, Dave Smyth, Nick Jennings, Ron Atkins, Linda Hobman, Dean Adams.

Minutes of the NRA AGM 2011: Minutes were not available because of computer failure.

Matters arising: none

President's report: Steve read out his report.

One change to first paragraph - 'in the northern end of Riddiford St' rather than western end as stated. It was noted that there are a lot more heritage buildings under threat of demolition including Adelaide Hotel, Karitane Hospital at Truby King, St Anne's Hall, SWIS hall, Tasman / Stoke St hall. Moved that the report be received (K Zwartz/ P Frater) Carried

Treasurer's report: The audited accounts were previously circulated and Peter outlined the highlights. The festival made a small loss, an administration grant application will be made to WCC to cover hall hire and improve communications. Moved that the accounts be received. (N Carson / T Law) Carried

Appointment of auditor: Noel Sulzberger was appointed as auditor. (Moved P Frater / S Dunn). Carried.

Festival report: Martin gave an overview of the festival activities. Some stall bookings have already been made for 2013. Moved that the report be received. (P Frater / S Dunn) Carried.

Election of Officers and the Executive Committee: The following list of appointments was voted on and carried by the meeting.

President: Martin Hanley (T Law/P Frater)

Vice-presidents: Kate Zwartz and Kevin Lethbridge (T Law /S Dunn)

Immediate Past President: Steve Dunn

Secretary: Don Mackay (T Law /Neville Carson)

Treasurer: Greg Nicholls (T Law / C Robilliard)

Membership: Kevin Lethbridge

Executive Committee: Ken Allan, Neville Carson, Carol Comber, James Coyle, Steve Dunn, Peter Frater, Martin Hanley, Nick Jennings, Anna Kemble Welch, Tom Law, Kevin Lethbridge, Greg Nicholls, Don Mackay, Cheryl Robilliard, Kate Zwartz (T Law / P Eagle)

Newtown Festival Director: Martin Hanley (T Law / S Dunn)

Newtown Festival Committee: Don Mackay, Anna Kemble Welch, Tom Law, Martin Hanley, James Coyle (M Hanley / P Frater)

Newtown Festival Governance committee: Steve Dunn, Peter Frater, Tom Law with authority to co-opt others. (T Law / D Mackay)

Other standing committees:

1. **Newsletter editor:** Ken Allan (T Law / P Frater)
2. **Website manager:** Don Mackay (T Law /S Dunn)



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3. **Transport:** Steve Dunn, Laura Newcombe, Kate Zwartz, Peter Frater, Gail Reeves, Kathy Smith, Carol Comber, David Wilcock, Cheryl Robilliard. (T Law / P Frater)
4. **Cheque signatories:** Greg Nicholls, Peter Frater, Martin Hanley, Don Mackay, Steve Dunn, Nick Jennings. (current signatories confirmed with the addition of Greg Nicholls)
5. **Newtown Festival authority:** It was moved that the Director be authorised to manage income and expenditure related to the Newtown Festival but it was thought this unnecessary because by making the appointment, this was automatically part of the role.
6. The Festival Committee and the Festival Director should apply to local and national philanthropic trusts and agencies on behalf of the Newtown Residents' Association for assistance with the costs of components of the 2013 Newtown Festival and Fair Day. When the exact details are finalised for a funding application to a potential funding body the Festival Director will circulate an email resolution to the full executive of the Newtown Residents' Association to approve the specific amount applied for and the components for which funding is sought. (M Hanley / T Law)

General business:

History Project: Martin has talked with the senior student who has been paid in advance by the NRA and Victoria University, each paying \$2,200, to scan/transcribe the document, confirm authority to reproduce the photos and store the document in the Victoria University reference library. It is recognised that the work is long overdue and that the scanning/transcribing will be complete by November. The student will give monthly reports to the NRA on progress and raise any issues if they arise. Other students may be subcontracted to assist. The NRA will have prepublication rights to publish limited copies.

Progressive Liquor licence: Laura noted that Countdown had been given a liquor licence for the John St supermarket in February but locals hadn't seen the public notices (posted or advertisements). She was disappointed that nobody had opposed the application. There is some dispute that a public notice re the liquor licence application had been posted on the Adelaide Rd side of the building. Tom had seen a notice on the wall in Hanson St. Paul Eagle will check what process had been taken.

Through an advertisement in the paper, Don McDonald has urged people to have a say on the Local **Government Reform Bill**. Closing date for submissions to the Independent Panel, chaired by Geoffrey Palmer, has been extended to Friday 21st September.

Kevin Lethbridge announced that **St Anne's Hall** is no longer available for hire until further notice, because the need for earthquake strengthening.

Martin moved a vote of thanks to Steve for his role of President over the past years.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes: Steve Dunn

Post meeting notes:

Email 19.09.2012 from ex Newtown Community Constable Dean Adams who is starting a new Police role in Carterton – *'Would you mind noting in your minutes my thanks to the committee and membership of the NRA for the welcome they have extended to me during the two and a half years I have been based in Newtown. It's been a pleasure to work in this area.'*